

KANSAS MEDICAID STATE PLAN

Standards and Methods of Assuring High Quality Care

The following is a description of the standard established and the methods that are used to assure that the medical and remedial care and services are of high quality.

1. Medical care and services are provided in accordance with the overall objectives of maintaining good health, preventing disease and disability, curing and mitigating disease, and rehabilitating the individual.
2. Plans for medical care are integrated with social planning.
3. Medical care and service shall be provided within the licensure of the provider.
4. Insofar as possible, medical care and service shall permit the recipient to exercise free choice in the selection of his or her provider.
5. The amount and kind of medical care and service are determined by the professional opinion of the practitioner.
6. Medical care and services not provided by a licensed professional person must be recommended or prescribed by a licensed professional person.
7. Care in adult care homes or hospitals for the geriatric and debilitated must be provided in a facility licensed to provide the required care.
8. The state agency will establish processes of utilization review for each item of care and service included in the Medicaid/Medikan Program in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Kansas Administrative Regulations. The agency will be responsible for all utilization review plans and activities in the program.
9. A regular program of medical review (including medical evaluation of each patient's need for skilled nursing facility care and inspection of care for recipients in intermediate care facilities as to the need for such placement) is provided. In the case of individuals in mental hospitals, review is provided of the need for care in a mental hospital, including, where applicable, evaluation of a written plan of care, and a plan of rehabilitation prior to admissions. Inspections of care will be

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made in all skilled nursing facilities and mental institutions within the state by one or more medical review teams (composed of physicians and other appropriate health and social service personnel) and in all intermediate care facilities (by review teams composed of R.N.'s and social workers, or other appropriate personnel). The review will determine the adequacy of the services available to meet the current health needs and to promote the maximum physical well-being of patients, the necessity and desirability of the continued placement of these patients, and the feasibility of meeting their health care needs through alternate institutional or non-institutional services. Further, such team or teams will make full and complete reports of the findings resulting from such inspections together with any recommendations the Adult Care Home Program, Adult Services, with reports being available to the agency administering of the State Plan.

10. Public or private institutional facilities are licensed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. In addition, they have been determined to meet the requirements as specified in the Kansas Administrative Regulations.

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